



The Messenger

A New Year Resolution for Every Year... Colossians 3 (ESV) *Put On the New Self!*

These excerpts from Colossians 3 make a great 'scriptural' New Year Resolution

2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ... 5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:... 12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ... 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ...18 Wives, submit to your husbands, ... 19 Husbands, love your wives, ... 20 Children, obey your parents... 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, ... 23 ... work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

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Upcoming Events

- Grief Share Support Group begins January 9
- Youth Winter Retreat Jan 14-15
- Sanctity of Life Sunday/March for Life Jan. 16
- Winter Jam January 23

In this New Year, commit to trust in God and rely on His Sovereign Power!



Stitching with Love Ministry
meets every 1st Thursday
January 6 at 9am –12pm.

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Every 2nd Saturday of each month.
January 8 at 8 am

Extension Homemakers Club
meets every 3rd Wednesday
January 19 at 9:30 am

From the Pastor's Desk



President Adam Greenway during a convocation service at Southwestern Seminary said, "My prayer for our seminary is that we would be the kind of institution that the Lord uses to train God-called men and women who will leave here and go out and neither become a casualty yourself, nor create casualties in your wake." What he said is important.

He brought up two issues that affect the church today. There are many ministers who became casualties, after all it is a responsibility that is beyond human ability that ministers are called into by God. Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, go therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." So, it is important that each of us minister in Jesus' power. Otherwise, we will not last.

The statistics are troubling. 80% will not be in church ministry ten years after seminary graduation. Only a small fraction will make it a lifelong career. The average seminary trained pastor will only be in the ministry for 5 years. 78% have been forced to resign from a church (68% twice) usually because of church conflict. 91% have experienced some form of burnout in ministry and 18% reported they are currently burnt out. That means they are over-

whelmed by stress. (Fuller Institute of Church Study) If the shepherds of God's flock are overwhelmed, how are the sheep?

The other issue is just as disturbing. It refers to ministers who use people to satisfy their own selfish and sinful desires. Recent studies have revealed that childhood sexual abuse is as prevalent in Baptist churches as it is in Catholic churches. The number of identified abusers in the Catholic church is almost 3,000. There are other issues such as misuse of church funds. Or, favoritism among members. It should be understood that the message of God's word will convict sinners, but it is for their own good. Godly conviction leads to repentance.

These problems have been with God's people from the start. The Old Testament prophets warned the false prophets and the corrupt priest. And Jesus condemned the Scribes and Pharisees calling them hypocrites, who placed heaven burdens on the people and wouldn't lift a finger to help them.

In the new year I am committed to trust in God, to rely on His sovereign power. To be a faithful servant of God to the church and the community. To live in the truth, and to do so with integrity, so that the gospel is not veiled by my life, and people can see and hear the unhindered good news of Jesus in my words and in my life. My reward will be to hear the Lord say to me one day, "Well done, good and faithful servant." To neither become a casualty, or to leave casualties in my wake.

Terry Fortner

Thank you all so much for the Christmas Cards, gift cards, cash, and presents. We love you all, and your kindness to us is very much appreciated. May God bless you as we continue to serve together at Zion Hill Baptist Church. Terry & Robbie Fortner



GROWTH GROUP

The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, The Chosen allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you. Join us for this Season 1 Bible Study.

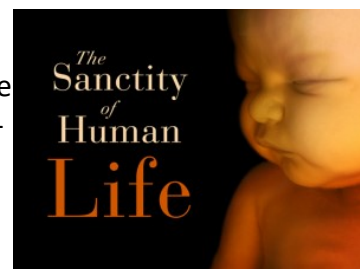
January is Sanctity of Human Life Month

What is the sanctity of life in Christianity? For Christians, human life is sacred and is a gift from God which is to be respected and protected. This teaching is called the sanctity of life. The Bible teaches that human beings are created in the image of God. ... Christians also believe that only God should choose when life begins and ends.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is observed each year on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. It is a day that we observe with believers across the nation whose hearts are grieved by the tragedy of abortion. If we honored each baby aborted since 1973 with a moment of silence, we would be silent for over 100 years.

Thousands will gather in Little Rock on January 16 to March for Life as we continue to fight this battle against abortion. We must be the voice to DEFEND-RESCUE and DELIVER these precious lives that don't yet have their voices.

"I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born.." Jeremiah 1:5



Youth, Children & Other Happenings



Update from Brother Rich

Dear Zion Hill family,

The Holiday Season is almost over, but that doesn't mean we stop celebrating Jesus! December was a busy month, I got married, we had a children's Christmas party and play, a youth Christmas party, and a New Year's celebration! It was great spending another Christmas at Zion Hill celebrating the birth of Jesus!

January is another fun filled month! Our College and Career Sunday School class is kicking off for our young adults! I am very excited to get this class started here at Zion Hill! It is just the thing we need to appeal to younger people! Hopefully this class will be a seed that grows and branches out! Be praying for this ministry as it gets started. We have our Youth Winter Retreat at Budd Creek Martin Luther King weekend, we have Winter Jam on January 23, plus going back to school after the semester break! I am looking forward to kicking the New year off to a great start! 2022 already has so many things I am looking forward to!

As we approach the New Year, I want to challenge each of you to celebrate the birth of Jesus everyday, not just Christmas time. The birth of Christ is an integral part of the gospel, and it should be celebrated because Jesus lived and died for us. Let's live out Christ in 2022! Happy New Year!!

I also want to ask each of you to pray for me and Haley as we transition our lives into marriage. Things will be busy for us not just with the church, but getting settled in as newly weds. I ask for patience and grace as we go into this. Thank you.

~Your brother in Christ, Rich

WINTER JAM 22

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FEATURING SKILLET ~ TAUREN WELLS
KB ~ COLTON DIXON
I AM THEY ~ NEW SONG ~ SHANE PRUITT
ABBY ROBERTSON ~ BAYSIDE WORSHIP



Weekly Youth Gatherings

- **Sunday Night**
Bible Study at 6:00
- **Wednesday Night**
Switch Services
Music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm.

School's Out

- JNP—Jan 3-4 & Jan 17
- PCSSD—Jan 3-4 & Jan 17
- Cabot—Jan 3 & Jan 17

Come join us!

Grief Support Group



We will be starting a 13 week study group for help and encouragement after the

death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Group will begin meeting on **January 9 at 2pm** and will meet each Sunday thereafter for the 13 weeks.

The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. *"Going to Grief Share feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you're shivering."*

College & Career Class

Richard & Haley are excited to begin a new College and Career Class for ages 18-29. Join them in the basement on Sunday mornings to study and fellowship.

Zion Hill Baptist Church Service Times

Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Morning Worship
 11:30 am Children's Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 pm Growth Group (Sanctuary)
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Basement)

Tuesday

10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 pm Mid-Week Services
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 (3rd Wednesday is Business Meeting)

January Activities

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2 8:00 am Deacon's Meeting
 2 Sunday Services
 5 6:30 pm Midweek Services
 6 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry
 8 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9 Sunday Services
 9 2:00 pm Grief Share Support Group
 12 6:30 pm Midweek Services
 14-15 Youth Winter Retreat—Greers Ferry
 16 Sunday Services
 16 2:00 pm Grief Share Support Group
 16 12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
 16 2:00 pm March for Life
 19 9:30 am Extension Homemakers Club Meeting
 19 Midweek Services / Business Meeting
 20 11:00 am 5 Wishes Guest Speaker & Luncheon
 23 Sunday Services
 23 2:00 pm Grief Share Support Group
 23 Winter Jam
 23 5:00 pm Caregiver Meeting
 26 6:30 pm Midweek Services
 30 Sunday Services / Celebrate & Praise Service
 30 2:00 pm Grief Share Support Group




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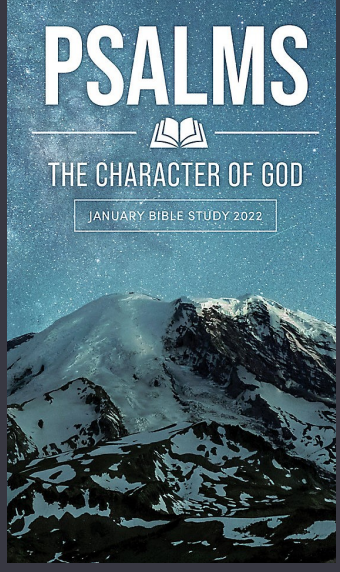
Recent videos of Zion Hill's Sunday services can be viewed at www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Psalms is a compilation of songs that focus on humanity's interaction with God. Within these interactions, we discover God's character as the song writer speaks of God as a Shepherd, King, Redeemer, Creator, Just, Holy, and more. These songs give us deeper insight into God and how we are to relate to Him as His creation. We find that He loves us and offers the opportunity to be his people and that doing so comes with the expectation of living in light of that relationship.

Beginning January 5, come join us for this study on the character of God as revealed in selected Psalms. As people get a glimpse of God's character, they begin to understand their need for forgiveness and what it means to live as God's people. Believers will be challenged to live as God's people, demonstrating His character in a fallen world.

BIBLE STUDY



Starts January 5, 2022

If you're not currently receiving email prayer requests and information updates and you would like to be added to the list, please let Karla know. You can email me at zionhillbc@gmail.com to be added to the list.